

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 5 and 6 are now present in the application. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Claim 5 are independent. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5 and 6 are allowed and dependent claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for accepting the formal drawings of the instant application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Do, WO/2002/087060, in view of Miyamoto, JP 09-129470, and further in view of Gardos, U.S. Patent No. 4,376,710. Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Do in view of Miyamoto and Gardos, and further in view of Sattler, U.S. Patent No. 3,695,929. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Without conceding to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to timely advance the prosecution of the application, as the Examiner will note, claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections have been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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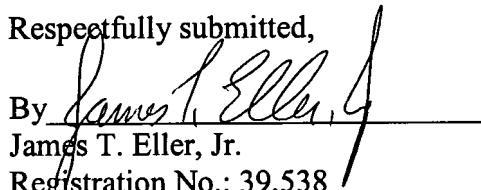
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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